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## 1994 Nebraska Farm Custom Rates - Part II

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This NebGuide defines custom rates and reports common charges in 1994.

A survey of producers and custom machine operators was conducted in fall 1994 to determine the rates being charged for many late summer and fall farm machine practices. NebGuide G75-207, *1994 Nebraska Farm Custom Rates - Part I* (revised September 1994), includes the rates for 1994 spring and early summer practices.

The responses are reported by *Crop Reporting Districts* which are shown on the map. Unless otherwise specified, the results are reported in dollars. Custom rates reported are charges for the use of necessary equipment, fuel and supplies such as baling wire or twine provided by the custom operator, and labor. Seed, fertilizer and chemical costs are not included.

The number of responses for each operation are also reported. When few responses are given, the data should be used with caution. The report is given only as the best available information. When many responses are given, the *Average Rate* reported should give a good idea of the prevailing charge for that particular work. The *Most Common* rate is the rate reported more often than any other for that practice. Usually the *Average Rate* and *Most Common* rate are similar. The *Range* gives the minimum and maximum amounts reported. It indicates the range of conditions under which the work was performed. The range may also reflect



the fact that some rates consider travel to and from the field while others do not.

The rates may not accurately reflect the cost of performing the work specified. Some custom operators may only be recapturing the variable costs of fuel and labor. Other operators may be recovering all costs including depreciation on equipment and a charge for risk. Also, field conditions such as size, terrain and location vary. These conditions will account for some of the range in custom rates.

The information presented here should be used only as a guide to rates charged in localized areas and under unique conditions. The use of these rates for future reference should take into account the fact that rates will change from year to year due to cost changes and the availability of custom operators.

### 1994 FARM CUSTOM RATES (PART II)

*Reported by Crop Reporting District, in Dollars Unless Otherwise Specified*

	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	STATE
<b>HARVESTING GRAIN AND SOYBEANS</b>									
<b>Combining Irrigated Corn</b>									
Number Reporting	10	9	15	#	29	5	4	15	90
Average Rate Per Acre	19.41	20.44	19.97	—	23.62	22	23.63	21.13	21.6
Range	13.06-22.00	15.00-25.00	12.00-25.00	—	20.00-30.00	15.00-30.00	22.00-25.00	12.00-30.00	12.00-30.00
Most Common	20	25	20	—	25	20	25	20	25
<b>Combining Dryland Corn</b>									
Number Reporting	4	—	—	7	#	7	8	#	32
Average Rate Per Bushel	0.18	—	—	0.21	—	0.2	0.23	—	0.21
Range	0.13-0.22	—	—	0.19-0.26	—	0.18-0.25	0.20-0.25	—	0.13-0.26
Most Common	none	—	—	0.2	—	none	none	—	0.2
<b>Combining Dryland Soybeans</b>									
Number Reporting	#	5	16	#	33	4	#	23	88
Average Rate Per Acre	—	19.2	19.94	—	21.71	20	—	20.2	20.6
Range	—	15.00-25.00	16.00-27.00	—	18-27.50	15.00-25.00	—	15.00-25.00	12.00-27.50
Most Common	—	18	20	—	20	20	—	20	20

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	STATE
<b>Picking Dryland Ear Corn Without Shelling</b>									
Number Reporting	#	#	5	—	4	—	—	#	15
Average Rate Per Acre	—	—	16.9	—	17	—	—	—	17.97
Range	—	—	12-21.5	—	15-20	—	—	—	10-27
Most Common	—	—	none	—	15	—	—	—	20
<b>Combining Soybeans</b>									
Number Reporting	—	4	20	10	45	4	8	36	127
Average Rate Per Acre	—	19	20.15	21.6	21.42	21.75	23.13	19.67	20.78
Range	—	15.00-22.00	15.00-27.00	17.00-25.00	17.00-25.00	18.00-25.00	15.00-30.00	15.00-25.00	15.00-30.00
Most Common	—	none	20	25	20	none	none	20	20
<b>Combining Sorghum (Without Pickup Head)</b>									
Number Reporting	—	—	4	5	25	#	4	22	61
Average Rate Per Acre	—	—	18.75	21.6	21.18	—	21.25	18.8	20.22
Range	—	—	15.00-20.00	20.00-25.00	18.00-25.00	—	15.00-25.00	12.00-25.00	12.00-25.00
Most Common	—	—	20	20	20	—	25	20	20
<b>Combining Grain Sorghum (With Pickup Header)</b>									
Number Reporting	—	—	#	#	14	—	#	16	38
Average Rate Per Acre	—	—	—	—	23.86	—	—	21	22.38
Range	—	—	—	—	20.00-30.00	—	—	18.00-30.00	16.00-30.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	20	20
<b>Combining Millet (Without Pickup Header)</b>									
Number Reporting	8	#	#	—	#	—	—	#	13
Average Rate Per Acre	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.23
Range	10.00-25.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00-25.00
Most Common	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
<b>Combining Sunflowers (Without Pickup Header)</b>									
Number Reporting	#	—	#	#	#	#	#	#	10
Average Rate Per Acre	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.00-25.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
<b>Dryland Grain Swathing</b>									
Number Reporting	4	#	7	#	6	#	—	#	25
Average Rate Per Acre	6.88	—	7.36	—	7.75	—	—	—	6.92
Range	6.00-7.50	—	5.00-10.00	—	6-10	—	—	—	2.50-10.00
Most Common	7	—	none	—	8	—	—	—	6
<b>Grain Cart (Use of Tractor and Cart)</b>									
Number Reporting	#	—	#	#	6	#	#	#	14
Average Cents Per Bushel	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
Range	—	—	—	—	1-5	—	—	—	1-5
Most Common	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	none
<b>FORAGE HARVESTING</b>									
<b>Making Silage - All Labor, Power, and Machinery For Chopping, Hauling and Filling Silo</b>									
Number Reporting	#	#	5	—	8	—	—	#	18
Average Rate Per Hour	—	—	100	—	113.13	—	—	—	120
Range	—	—	80.00-120.00	—	55.00-265.00	—	—	—	55.00-265.00
Most Common	—	—	100	—	none	—	—	—	none
Number Reporting	5	—	—	#	5	4	#	—	17
Average Rate Per Ton	6.05	—	—	—	6.1	5	—	—	5.51
Range	4.50-11.00	—	—	—	4.50-11.00	4.00-6.00	—	—	4.00-11.00
Most Common	5	—	—	—	5	5	—	—	5
<b>Making Silage - Field Chopping and Hauling With Wagons or Trucks</b>									
Number Reporting	#	#	4	—	#	—	—	#	12
Average Rate Per Hour	—	—	83.75	—	—	—	—	—	119.58
Range	—	—	45.00-120.00	—	—	—	—	—	45.00-240.00
Most Common	—	—	none	—	—	—	—	—	none
Number Reporting	#	—	#	—	#	#	—	#	10
Average Rate Per Ton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.7
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50-11.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	none
<b>Making Silage - Field Chopping Only</b>									
Number Reporting	#	#	6	#	5	—	—	#	19
Average Rate Per Hour	—	—	82.5	—	75	—	—	—	85.13
Range	—	—	25.00-135.00	—	40.00-170.00	—	—	—	25.00-170.00
Most Common	—	—	none	—	none	—	—	—	100
Number Reporting	#	#	#	#	5	#	—	#	14
Average Rate Per Ton	—	—	—	—	3.8	—	—	—	4.05
Range	—	—	—	—	2.00-9.00	—	—	—	2.00-9.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	none

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	STATE
<b>Hauling Silage By Truck</b>									
Number Reporting	#	—	5	#	#	—	—	#	12
Average Rate Per Hour	—	—	28.5	—	—	—	—	—	29.38
Range	—	—	20.00-37.50	—	—	—	—	—	20.00-40.00
Most Common	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	none
Number Reporting	#	—	#	#	4	#	—	#	11
Average Rate Per Ton	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2.45
Range	—	—	—	—	1.50-2.50	—	—	—	1.500-5.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2

## TRUCKING AND HAULING

### Grain From Storage to Local Market

<b>Flat Rate</b>									
Number Reporting	13	6	13	9	35	7	7	21	111
Average Rate Per Bushel	0.1	0.1	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08
Range	0.05-0.13	0.06-0.16	0.05-0.12	0.05-0.125	0.03-0.12	0.05-0.08	0.05-0.10	0.05-0.10	0.03-0.16
Most Common	0.1	0.1	none	0.05	0.05	none	0.05	0.1	0.05
<b>Extra Charge For Distance (added to flat rate)</b>									
Number Reporting	6	#	#	#	11	#	#	7	33
Avg. Rt./Bush./Mi	0.04	—	—	—	0.03	—	—	0.03	0.03
Range	0.01-0.12	—	—	—	0.0025-0.12	—	—	0.005-0.05	0.0025-0.12
Most Common	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	none	0.01
<b>ABOVE MILES OF:</b>									
Average Number of Miles	5.83	—	—	—	6.64	—	—	3.86	6.21
Range	0.00-10.00	—	—	—	0.00-20.00	—	—	0.00-10.00	0.00-20.00
Most Common	10	—	—	—	10	—	—	6	10

### Hauling Cattle For Slaughter

Number Reporting	#	#	#	—	4	#	—	4	14
Average Rate Per Cwt.	—	—	—	—	0.45	—	—	0.89	0.98
Range	—	—	—	—	0.20-0.65	—	—	0.65-1.20	0.17-2.00

### Hauling Hogs or Feeder Cattle (Straight Truck)

Number Reporting	—	—	#	—	4	—	—	#	8
Average Rate Per Loaded Mile	—	—	—	—	1.26	—	—	—	1.32
Range	—	—	—	—	0.75-1.70	—	—	—	0.75-2.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	none	—	—	—	1

### Hauling Hogs or Feeder Cattle (Semi-trailer Truck)

Number Reporting	4	#	#	—	#	#	#	#	14
Average Rate Per Loaded Mile	2.08	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.82
Range	1.90-2.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.90-2.50
Most Common	1.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.9

### Hauling Baled Hay by Truck

Number Reporting	4	#	#	#	#	—	—	#	14
Average Rate Per Loaded Mile	1.9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.67
Range	1.00-2.60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00-2.60
Most Common	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2

### Hauling Sugar Beets

Number Reporting	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Average Rate Per Ton	3.13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.13
Range	1.25-7.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25-7.00
Most Common	none	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	none

## HARVESTING LEGUMES, GRASS SEED, AND SUGAR BEETS

### Combining Grass Seed

Number Reporting	#	#	—	—	#	—	—	#	5
Average Rate Per Acre	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.00-50.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50

### Combining Dry Edible Beans

Number Reporting	9	#	—	—	—	#	—	—	11
Average Rate Per Bushel	0.62	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.64
Range	0.40-1.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.40-1.00
Most Common	none	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	none

### Cutting Dry Edible Beans

Number Reporting	8	#	—	—	#	5	—	#	17
Average Rate Per Acre	7.31	—	—	—	—	7.6	—	—	7.12
Range	6.00-10.00	—	—	—	—	5.00-10.00	—	—	5.00-10.00
Most Common	6	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	7

### Windrowing Dry Edible Beans

Number Reporting	7	#	—	—	#	4	—	—	14
Average Rate Per Acre	5.36	—	—	—	—	5.75	—	—	5.25
Range	3.00-9.00	—	—	—	—	5.00-7.00	—	—	2.00-9.00
Most Common	none	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	5

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	NW	N	NE	C	E	SW	S	SE	STATE
<b>Cutting and Windrowing Dry Edible Beans</b>									
Number Reporting	8	#	—	—	#	#	—	—	11
Average Rate Per Acre	11.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.36
Range	8.00-15.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00-15.00
Most Common	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
<b>OTHER CUSTOM OPERATIONS</b>									
<b>Drying Grain (Rate Per Point of Moisture Removed)</b>									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	—	8	—	#	#	16
Average Cents Per Bushel	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Range	—	—	—	—	1-3	—	—	—	1.0-3.0
Most Common	—	—	—	—	none	—	—	—	2
<b>Cleaning Seed Grain</b>									
Number Reporting	10	—	—	—	5	#	4	51	29
Average Cents Per Bushel	37	—	—	—	64	—	35	25-150	46
Range	20-75	—	—	—	30-90	—	25-50	0.25-1.5	20-150
Most Common	none	—	—	—	90	—	none	none	50
<b>Shelling Grain (Exclude Trucking and Scoopers)</b>									
Number Reporting	—	—	#	#	6	#	—	—	10
Average Cents Per Bushel	—	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	10
Range	—	—	—	—	7-10	—	—	—	5-20
Most Common	—	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	10
<b>Elevating Grain (On Farm)</b>									
Number Reporting	#	#	#	—	#	—	#	#	11
Average Cents Per Bushel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.5-7
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	none
<b>Feed Grinding and Mixing (On Farm)</b>									
Number Reporting	#	—	#	—	#	#	—	—	6
Average Rate Per Ton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.42
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00-10.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
<b>Feed Grinding and Mixing (Off Farm)</b>									
Number Reporting	—	—	#	—	#	—	#	#	7
Average Rate Per Ton	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.43
Range	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.4-7-5.00
Most Common	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	none
<b>Grinding Dry Hay</b>									
Number Reporting	7	#	9	#	4	—	—	#	25
Average Rate Per Ton	8.43	—	5.44	—	6	—	—	—	6.84
Range	6-11	—	4-6	—	6-6	—	—	—	4.00-11.00
Most Common	none	—	6	—	6	—	—	—	6
Number Reporting	5	4	4	#	6	#	—	7	29
Average Rate Per Hour	74	108	81.25	—	65	—	—	79.29	79.55
Range	50-100	90-125	60-100	—	50-100	—	—	45-120	35.00-125.00
Most Common	none	none	none	—	50	—	—	none	none

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